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The following is a summary of information on Soviet and East German military activities observed prior to 7 March 1955:

## A. Soviet Activities:

1. General:

Up to early March, intensive rotation of firing details between posts and training grounds continued. Predominant in the program appeared to be units of the Third Shock Army and anti-aircraft artillery units. The arrival of new-type tanks seemingly continued in March.

2. First Guards Mechanized Army:

On 19 February, two trains carried elements of the 4th Guards Anti-Aircraft Artillery Division from Dresden to Altengrabow. On 2 March, one train [ ] went from Jueterbog to Dresden, and another train, [ ] from Jueterbog to Riesa. On 3 and 4 March, elements of the 11th Guards Tank Division were shipped on three trains from Jueterbog to Meissen.

3. Second Guards Mechanized Army:

On 28 February, one train was dispatched from Altengrabow to Doeberitz, presumably with units of the 2nd Light Artillery Brigade which had arrived at Altengrabow on 19 February. On 4 March, five trains left Doeberitz for an undetermined destination. During the night of 3 March, the bulk of the 2nd Light Artillery Brigade was entrained at Doeberitz. On 15 February, elements of the 1st Mechanized Division returned from their exercises in the west sector of the Doeberitz training grounds to the Adler-Loewen kaserne. On 1 March, one shipment with elements of the 1st Mechanized Division, including seven 85-mm AA guns, was sent from Jueterbog to Dallgow. On 12 February, two trains went from Neuruppin to Forst Zinna. On 25 February, anti-aircraft artillery elements of the 12th Guards Tank Division were entrained at Neuruppin. Two trains went from Jueterbog to Neuruppin on 28 February.

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4. Third Guards Mechanized Army:

On 19 February, a tank detail of the 9th Mechanized Division went from Cottbus to Weisswasser. Two trains went from Jueterbog to Cottbus on 4 March. On 1 March, two trains, presumably carrying elements of the 14th Guards Mechanized Division, went from Jueterbog to Baruth.

5. Fourth Guards Mechanized Army:

On 21 February, one train took elements of the 63rd AAA Division from Forst Zinna to Fuerstenwalde. On 1 March, two trains went from Jueterbog to Eberswalde; on 4 March, one shipment from Jueterbog to Fuerstenwalde; and on the same day one shipment from Jueterbog to Eberswalde; all carried units of the 63rd AAA Division. On 27 February, one train went from Frankfurt/Oder to Eberswalde, and on 1 March, two trains from Frankfurt/Oder to Lieberose, presumably taking elements of the 7th Guards Mechanized Division to the Lieberose training grounds. On 28 February, a train [ ] loaded with new four-wheel armored personnel carriers, was dispatched from Frankfurt/Oder to Satzkorn. On 4 March, four trains carried elements of the 10th Guards Tank Division from Jueterbog to Satzkorn. On 28 February, several columns of the 25th Tank Division, including eight 37-mm anti-aircraft guns, moved from Camp Vogelsang towards Zehdenick-Loewenberg, presumably for exercises. 25X1

6. Third Shock Army:

One train went from Brandenburg to Mahlwinkel on 28 February. Between 13 and 20 February, firing exercises were held in the north sector of Letzling Heath, presumably by units of the 10th Guards Rocket-Launcher Regiment of the 9th Rifle Corps. On 20 February, one train loaded with 14 heavy anti-tank guns of the 4th Guards Artillery Brigade went from Schwerin to Gardelegen. On 16 February, one train went from Dranse to Perleberg and on 27 February, one train from Techentin to Dranse, apparently both loaded with units of the 18th Mechanized Division. On 23 February, one train, probably carrying artillery units of the 79th Rifle Corps, went from Burg to Gardelegen. On 2 March, two trains were loaded at Burg with units of the 304th Artillery Brigade, including a total of 18 152-mm gun howitzers; the trains were headed westward. Between 28 February and 1 March, one train carrying twelve M-13 rocket launchers went from Doeberitz to Stendal, possibly with elements of the 399th Rocket Launcher Regiment. From 21 February to 3 March, firing details of the 19th Guards Mechanized Division continuously left Magdeburg, presumably for firing exercises at Letzling Heath; shipments included, on 3 March, five 57-mm anti-tank guns, four 120-mm mortars, 11 M-13 rocket launchers, two light anti-aircraft guns, 79 trucks and three field kitchens. On 13 and again on 16 February, one shipment went from Magdeburg/Brueckfeld to Gardelegen; on 23 February, two trains went from Magdeburg/Brueckfeld to Jaeventitz; during the entrainment 12 122-mm field howitzers of the 19th Guards Mechanized Division were observed in Magdeburg. On 17 February, three trains went from Jaeventitz to Halberstadt; on 23 February, another train from Hillersleben to Halberstadt. On 25 February, the Soviet Transport Command ordered 800 flat cars to be ready in Magdeburg/Brueckfeld and Hillersleben, possibly for the shipment of firing details to and from the Letzling Heath area.

7. Eighth Guards Army:

On 4 February, eight rocket launchers of the 316th Guards Rocket Launcher Regiment were unloaded at Zeitz, to be used in exercises at the Zeitz Forest. On 13 February, one train went from Altengrabow to Jena, presumably with artillery units of the 20th Guards Mechanized Division. On 1 March, a tank detail of the same division was entrained at Jena, probably for firing exercises in the Zeitz Forest. On 25 February, two trains loaded with artillery pieces and motor vehicles moved from the direction of Naumburg toward Saalfeld-Jena.

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8. Fourth Artillery Corps:

On 18 February, 23 heavy prime movers were shipped out from Frankfurt/Oder. On 27 February, two trains went from Potsdam/Wildpark to Luckenwalde/Jueterbog; on 2 and 3 March, five trains preceeded from Forst Zinna via Jueterbog to Potsdam/Wildpark.<sup>1</sup>

9. GSFG Troops:

On 22 and 23 February, a topographic unit was transferred from the Weisse Stadt settlement in Oranienburg, possibly to Halle. On 3 March, 17 trucks loaded with pontoons and 13 trucks loaded with planks, presumably of the 36th Pontoon Bridge Regiment, crossed the road bridge at Magdeburg to the west.

10. New-Type (T-54?) Tanks:

On 23 February, a train [ ] loaded with a cargo of unusual proportions and including 21 large flat cars, went from Frankfurt/Oder to Altruppin.<sup>2</sup> From 15 to 18 February, tank and artillery units of the 12th Guards Tank Division, including 24 T-34's and new-type tanks, exercised in the south sector of the Wittstock training grounds. On 1 March, a train [ ] again with a cargo of unusual proportions, and including 15 large flat cars, was sent from Brest Litovsk to Meinsdorf, presumably carrying 15 additional new-type tanks for the 7th Guards Tank Division.<sup>3</sup>

11. Shipments from and to Wustrow:

## A. Shipments from Wustrow:

<u>Date in February:</u>	<u>Destination:</u>	<u>Number of Shipments:</u>	<u>Unit Shipped:</u>
21 and 22	Neustrelitz	two	9th Guards Tank Division
23	Magdeburg/Brueckfeld	two	3rd Guards AAA Division
23 and 24	Wuensdorf	two	2nd Guards AAA Division
24	Rudolstadt AAA Unit	four	497th AAA Regiment
24	Ellerholz	one	497th AAA Regiment
25	Weimar	one	13th AAA Division
25	Cottbus	one	9th Mechanized Division
25	Kuestrin	two	32nd AAA Division
25	Fuerstenwalde	two	63rd AAA Division
25	Fuerstenberg/Velten	two	31st AAA Division
28	Halle	two	21st Guards Mechanized Division

## B. Shipments to Wustrow:

<u>Date in February:</u>	<u>Point of Departure:</u>	<u>Number of Shipments:</u>	<u>Unit Shipped:</u>
27	Neuruppin	one	12th Guards Tank Division
27	Koenigsbrueck	one	4th Guards AAA Division

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27	Neustrelitz	one	9th Guards Tank Division
27	Rueckmarsdorf	one	13th AAA Division
27 and 28	Schwerin	three	AAA Regiment of 9th Rifle Corps
28	Perleberg	one	18th Mechanized Division
28	Eberswalde	two	63rd AAA Division
28	Frankfurt/Oder	two	32nd AAA Division
28	Sperenberg	one	2nd Guards AAA Division

Date in March:

1	Sperenberg	one	2nd Guards AAA Division
1	Werneuchen	one	Soviet Air Force AAA
1	Naumburg	three	498th AAA Regiment
1	Halle	two	21st Guards Mechanized Division
1	Leisnig	one	8th Guards Mechanized Division
1 and 2	Dresden	two	4th Guards AAA Division

## B. East German Activities:

1. General:

KVP training activity continued on a level similar to that of the Soviets. There still were joint exercises and firing practices, including several-day practices.

2. Exercises:

Until 1 March, winter firing with all weapons was observed at the Ferchels-Mahlitz training grounds. These probably were joint exercises, as Soviet units, apparently from Rathenow, were present at the training grounds at the same time. Other joint KVP-Soviet exercises took place in the Lehnitz-Borgsdorf area near Oranienburg. The final exercise at Oranienburg allegedly took place on 18 and 19 February. Regimental exercises by units of the Mechanized Division Eggesin were scheduled after 1 March, and the first division-level exercise was to be held in early April.

3. Miscellaneous:

140 out of 400 men of the AAA Regiment Altwarp will end their 3-year tours of duty during the coming months.

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1. Short-term firing by units of the 34th Artillery Division was taking place in Jueterbog.
2. This may signify the arrival of additional new-type tanks, probably T-54's, for the 12th Guards Tank Division.
3. Thus far, the division has received five shipments with between 65 and 70 new-type tanks.

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